IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Cook, et al.

Appl. No. 10/030,593

Filed: January 8, 2002

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Attorney Docket No.: 25791.25.08

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Kenneth L. Thompson

For: TWO-STEP RADIAL EXPANSION

DECLARATION OF TODD MATTINGLY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I, Todd Mattingly, declare and say that I have direct knowledge of all facts set forth in this Declaration and:

- 1. I am a registered patent attorney, Reg. No. 40,298, and have been practicing patent law for twelve years.
- 2. Presently, I am a Partner in the law firm of Haynes and Boone, LLP (the Firm) in its Houston office.
- 3. Presently, I am the Firm's attorney responsible for the above-identified patent application.
- 4. Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, I reviewed the file jacket, docket record sheet and other information relating to this matter to ensure that the Office action dated December 30, 2005 had not been received at the Firm. I also communicated with Ms. Kiefer and Ms. Vinson to gather facts pertinent to their declarations.
- 5. The Firm conducted its investigation with due diligence and is presenting this petition promptly after learning of the Notice of Abandonment for failure to respond to the Office action dated December 30, 2005 for the above referenced patent application.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like, so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Todd Mattingly

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DECLARATION OF SUZANNE KIEFER

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- I, Suzanne Kiefer, declare and say that I have direct knowledge of all facts set forth in this Declaration and:
- 1. I have been an employee of Haynes and Boone, LLP (the "Firm") since January 1998. In December, 2005, I was the IP Staff Supervisor in the Intellectual Property Practice Group (the "Group").
- 2. At all times relevant to the facts presented in this Declaration, I was responsible for developing, implementing and managing the Group's internal systems at the Firm including procedures relating to mail handling and docketing in order to adapt to growth and to more importantly prevent errors.
- 3. During the relevant time period, the following procedure was utilized by Group for handling mail and docketing incoming correspondence. Specifically, all incoming mail is received by the Firm's main mailroom within each of the Firm's offices. This mail is separated by attorney and sections within the Firm. All correspondence received for anyone within the Group is then directed to and opened by the Group's file clerks within each of the Firm's offices. Any correspondence relating to the prosecution of patent applications is sent to be given to our Group's docketing department for processing before it is given to one of the Group's attorneys.
- 4. I personally reviewed the Firm's internal mail log and determined that the Firm did not receive an Office action dated December 30, 2005 regarding the above-identified application.
- 5. I personally reviewed the docket record for the above-identified application and determined that there were no updates of the docket record to reflect the response date for an Office action dated December 30, 2005. A copy of the docket record for the above-identified application is attached as Exhibit B-1. The last activity in the docket record prior to December 30, 2005 was the receipt of a return postcard on October 12, 2005 for the filing of a supplemental IDS. The next activity in the docket record after December 30, 2005 is the receipt of a return postcard on April 17, 2006 for the filing of a supplemental IDS. An entry for "Awtg Office Action" dated January 14, 2006 was docketed as a routine matter in our anticipation of a 3rd Office action in the above-identified patent application. This action was completed with the date of August 31, 2006 which indicated our receipt of the Notice of Abandonment.
- 6. Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, I investigated the reason for the abandonment and reviewed the patent application information for the above-identified application on the Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR") system on the U.S. Patent and Trademark's Office

website and discovered that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") had received mail returned as undelivered on January 23, 2006. Upon review of the document that had been returned to the USPTO, I discovered that the document was the December 30, 2005 Office action which is the subject of the Notice of Abandonment. Exhibit B-2 is a copy of the PAIR image file wrapper index and a copy of the returned Office letter showing a return date stamp of January 23, 2006.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like, so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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EXHIBIT B-1

Patent Record Sheet

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Abandoned				8/29/2006 - Received Notice of Abandonment. (amf)
Awtg Post Card	2/8/2002		2/20/2002	re: application filing
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Awtg Notice re Missing Parts	4/8/2002		4/5/2002	re: Notice of Missing Requirements - Declaration
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Awtg Acceptance of Petition	4/23/2003		1/24/2003	GRANTED
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Notes

Claims priority of both provisional applications; filed by filing date for .26 provisional. Joint Venture arrangement with Enventure

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6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>4-6</u> is/are rejected.								
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 8-20, 26, 27, 95-98, 121-123 and 130 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The recitation "circumferential groove" in claim 8, line 7 lacks antecedent basis. Claims 9-20, 26, 27 and 95-98 depend from claim 8 and are likewise objected to. Claims 121-123 and 130 have a similar recitation are likewise objected to. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 4-6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rabe, U.S. 4,779,4455.

Regarding claims 4-6, Rabe discloses a second tubular member (14) and a first tubular member (15) having an interior diameter substantially equal to the expanded inner diameter of the second tubular.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 7, 21-25, 28, 61, 64-66, 68-77, 79-84, 86-94, 99-120, 124-129 and 131 are allowed

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Claims objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including relative burst strengths.

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including plastically deforming the tubular members.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new grounds of rejection is made.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Thompson whose telephone number is 571 272-7037. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

26 December 2005

Kenneth Thompson Primary Examiner Art Unit 3672

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Title of Invention

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Claim Objections

Claims 8-20, 26, 27, 95-98, 121-123 and 130 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The recitation "circumferential groove" in claim 8, line 7 lacks antecedent basis. Claims 9-20, 26, 27 and 95-98 depend from claim 8 and are likewise objected to. Claims 121-123 and 130 have a similar recitation are likewise objected to. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 4-6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rabe, U.S. 4,779,4455.

Regarding claims 4-6, Rabe discloses a second tubular member (14) and a first tubular member (15) having an interior diameter substantially equal to the expanded inner diameter of the second tubular.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 7, 21-25, 28, 61, 64-66, 68-77, 79-84, 86-94, 99-120, 124-129 and 131 are allowed

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Claims objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including relative burst strengths.

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including plastically deforming the tubular members.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new grounds of rejection is made.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Thompson whose telephone number is 571 272-7037. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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DECLARATION OF LUCRESHA VINSON

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I, Lucresha Vinson, declare and say that I have direct knowledge of all facts set forth in this Declaration and:

- 1. I have been an employee of Haynes and Boone, LLP (the "Firm") since June 2005. In December, 2005, I was the IP File Clerk in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Firm's Houston Office.
- 2. All mail addressed to the Firm's Houston Office intellectual property attorneys is deposited at my desk where I open it. All mail coming from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is separated from the other mail. I scan all prosecution mail for docketing to the Firm's Docketing Department in the Firm's Dallas, Texas office. I keep an archive file of all mail scanned to the Firm's Docketing Department. I have reviewed the archive files of mail scanned to the Firm's IP Docketing Department and determined that an Office action dated December 30, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application was never received.

I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like, so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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